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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-29 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yacoub (U.S. 6,552,813).

With respect to claims 1, 10, 17, 20, and 21, Yacoub discloses a method comprising receiving a print job having an associated print destination (column 4, lines 5-16); determining a first location associated with a source of the print job (column 2, lines 8-15); determining a second location associated with the print destination (column 4, lines 28-52); determining a

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printing policy associated with the print job (speed, quality or color) (column 4, lines 5-52); and communicating the print job to the print destination if the print job satisfies the printing policy (the abstract and column 4, lines 5-52).

With regard to claims 3 and 7, Yacoub discloses the printing policy includes determining whether the first location is the same as the second location (the abstract, lines 1-7).

With respect to claims 4 and 14, Yacoub discloses the printing policy includes determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility and whether the second location is in a controlled area (which reads on an office suite where the user works) of the common facility (the abstract, lines 1-7 and column 5, lines 35-44).

With regard to claims 5, 6, 15, 16, and 19, Yacoub discloses determining a first location and second location includes identifying a communication port associated with the source and destination of the print job (column 6, lines 46-67 and column 8, lines 29-45).

With respect to claim 8, Yacoub discloses the job is received by a print server (column 6, lines 46-60).

With regard to claim 9, Yacoub discloses the destination is a printer (column 6, lines 46-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 2, 11, 12, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacoub in view of Nickerson (U.S. 6,078,406).

With respect to claims 2, 11, 12, and 18, Yacoub differs from claims 2, 11, 12, and 18 in that he does not clearly disclose deleting the print job if the print job does not satisfy the printing policy. Nickerson discloses deleting a print job if the print job does not satisfy a printing policy (column 13, lines 32-46). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Yacoub wherein the print job is deleted if a print parameter is not satisfied. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Yacoub by the teaching of Nickerson in order to conserve on printer memory.

6. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacoub. With respect to claim 13, Yacoub differs from claim 13 in that he does not clearly disclose that the common facility is a hotel. However, it would be a matter of design choice for one of ordinary skill in the art to determine or set where the source and destination of the print job would be. This would result in ease of use for the user of the system.

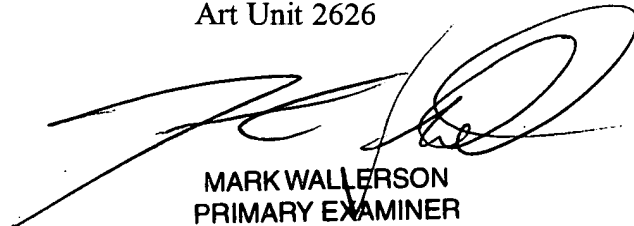
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7470. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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